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REMARKS

The Applicant would like to thank Examiner Bushey for the analysis contained in the Examination Report dated March 22, 2004. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for noting that claims 31 through 34 are allowed.

Claim Objections:

Claim 34 is amended to correct a spelling error with respect to the word "being" as noted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 30 currently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by any one of Fordyce, Cates et al. Ovard '227, Shepard '956, Shepard '877, Kinney Jr '537 or Comwell, Jr. Claim 30 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ovard '527. The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses all of the raised rejections in view of the following remarks.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) are addressed by cancellation of claim 30 from this application. In view of such claim cancellation, the Applicant respectfully submits that further comments concerning the applied prior art is not believed necessary. The Applicant also notes the remaining prior art cited in the official action. As none of that additional art is applied by the Examiner against the claims of this application, the Applicant is not providing any comments concerning that art as well.

If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.


In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

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The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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